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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/058,828	Applicant(s) GILSON ET AL. 	
	Examiner (Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho	Art Unit 3731	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 43-96 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 43-45, 47-49, 53-59, 62-65, 67-69, 71-79, 84-89, 92 and 94-96 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 46, 50-52, 60, 61, 66, 70, 80-83, 90, 91 and 93 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 1/30/2002 and 5/7/03 are acknowledged and considered.

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election with traverse of group I in the reply filed on 3/7/05 is acknowledged and found persuasive. The restriction is withdrawn. All claims are considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 47, 54, 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification does not disclose a cylindrical sleeve between the struts and the filter sac.
5. Claims 74-76 and 94-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably

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convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification does not disclose or support a catheter with a recovery portion or a recovery sock or elastic pod.

6. Claims 47, 54, 62 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a cylindrical sleeve positioned between the guidewire and filter sac, does not reasonably provide enablement for a cylindrical sleeve positioned between the struts and the filter sac. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The specification does not disclose a cylindrical sleeve between the struts and the filter sac.

7. Claims 74-76 and 94-96 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a catheter having a lumen for receiving the filter sac, does not reasonably provide enablement for catheter including a recovery portion or sock or elastic pod at its distal end. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The specification does not disclose or support a catheter with a recovery portion or a recovery sock or elastic pod.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

9. Claims 43, 45, 47, 65, 67-69, 71-74, 77-79, 84-89 and 92 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ladd (6,059,814). Ladd disclose a filter system comprising a catheter (18), a filter sac (40) including struts (46) and filter material (col. 5, lines 28-45), a guidewire (36), a stop (38) positioned on the distal region of the guidewire.

10. Claims 43, 44, 48, 49, 53, 55-59, 63, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ressemann et al. (5,897,567). Ressemann et al. disclose a device comprising a guide wire (42) having a distal stop (112), a proximal stop (104) a capture ring (106) and a sac (16) as claimed. Note: The introductory statement of intended use and all other functional statements have been carefully considered but are deemed not to impose any structural limitations on the claims distinguishable over the Ressemann et al.'s device which is capable of being used as claimed if one desires to do so.

Allowable Subject Matter

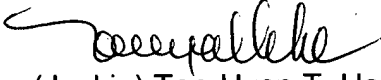
11. Claims 46, 50-52, 60-61,66,70, 80-83, 90, 91 and 93 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to (Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho whose telephone number is 571-272-4696. The examiner can normally be reached on MULTIFLEX Mon. to Sat..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANHTUAN NGUYEN can be reached on 571-272-4963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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